

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

To: County Director Of Social Services
Manual: Family Services, Volume I, Children's Services,
Chapter XIII, Child Welfare Funding Manual

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Attached to this letter are the revised Parts V and VI of Chapter XIII, The Child Welfare Funding Manual. Section III F of Part V gives policy and procedure regarding the LINKS allocations and Special Funds. Part VI of Chapter XIII gives policy and procedures for Adoption Assistance.

Section III F of Part V contains existing and new policy materials regarding LINKS funds. This material is being removed from the Child Placement Manual, section 1201, chapter 8. Funding policy materials include information about county allocations, the use of LINKS funds, accessing LINKS Special Funds for reimbursement to counties on behalf of individual youth, and information on eligibility and access to Education Training Vouchers for youth in postsecondary educational or vocational programs.

Part VI of Chapter XIII clarifies procedures for the Special Children Adoption Incentive Fund, Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA), Interjurisdictional placement and adoption assistance determination, child immigrant status and funding source determination, the replacement of lost or stolen adoption assistance checks, and the responsible agency and funding sources in readoptions. The major policy change affects AFDC eligibility determination for Adoption Assistance. In previous years, adoption assistance eligibility was to be determined at the time of removal **and** at the time of the filing of the adoption petition. **Current policy and regulation from the Federal Government requires AFDC eligibility determination at the time of removal only.** This change has previously been communicated to counties by Administrative Letter [FSCWS-12-06](#).

Please ensure that all staff members who have child welfare responsibility are provided copies of this material or can access it via the DSS web site. The Division of Social Services on-line manual web address is : <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/default.aspx>

Should you have any questions regarding LINKS funds, please contact Joan McAllister, LINKS state coordinator at Joan.McAllister@ncmail.net, or at 919-733-2580. Questions regarding Adoption Assistance should be directed to the adoption program state coordinator, Tracey Duncan, at tracey.duncan@ncmail.net or at 919-733-2580.

Instructions

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Chapter XIII, Part V

Chapter XIII, Part VI

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Revised Chapter XIII, Part V

Revised Chapter XIII, Part VI

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

[Chapter XIII, Part V](#)

[Chapter XIII, Part VI](#)

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